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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 P.C.J., et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 United States of America,

13 Defendant.
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No. CV-23-00780-PHX-DJH

ORDER

15 Plaintiffs P.C.J., et al. (“Plaintiffs”) have filed a “Motion to Proceed Under
16 Pseudonyms and for a Protective Order” (Doc. 2), which they filed concurrently with their
17 Complaint (Doc. 1).¹ Plaintiffs request the Court to protect their identities from public
18 disclosure by using the pseudonyms P.C.J., M.C.J., O.P.V., and T.P.C. They argue the
19 subject matter of this action involves highly sensitive and personal information that, if
20 disclosed, “could harm them and their minor children.” (Doc. 2 at 6). Indeed, the
21 allegations of this case stem from Plaintiffs’ applications for asylum and mistreatment in
22 immigration detention centers. (*See generally* Doc. 1). Plaintiffs further contend that
23 Defendant United States of America already knows Plaintiffs’ identities through
24 administrative filings and so will not be prejudiced by the use of pseudonyms in this matter.
25 (Doc. 2 at 6). Last, they argue the “public interest weighs in favor of anonymity.” (*Id.*)

26 The Court will summarily grant Plaintiffs’ Motion, finding that the bases for the
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28 ¹ The Defendant United States of America has not yet been served with the Complaint or Summons, or otherwise appeared in the matter. Consequently, the Defendant has not responded to Plaintiffs’ Motion.

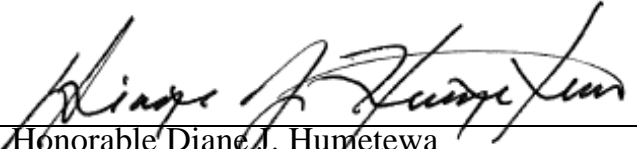
1 Motion are meritorious. *Does I thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d 1058,
2 1067–68 (9th Cir. 2000) (“[A] party may preserve his or her anonymity in judicial
3 proceedings in special circumstances when the party’s need for anonymity outweighs
4 prejudice to the opposing party and the public’s interest in knowing the party’s identity.”).

5 Accordingly,

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs’ Motion to Proceed Under Pseudonyms
7 and for a Protective Order (Doc. 2) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiffs are permitted leave to
8 proceed in this matter under pseudonyms.

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant United States of America shall not
10 publicly disclose Plaintiffs’ names or personally identifying information. The parties shall
11 submit pleadings, briefing, and evidence using Plaintiffs’ pseudonyms instead of their real
12 names and other personally identifying information.

13 Dated this 7th day of June, 2023.

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17 Honorable Diane J. Humetewa
18 United States District Judge
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